



Houghton School Newsletter

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Our Year Six pupils are looking very smart in their new 'Leavers' Hoodies'. Thanks to HSH for subsidising these again this year.



Strength of Character

Following our 'Route To Resilience' work last year, in school we talk regularly to our children about the many aspects that make up their 'character'. We know that some pupils have more natural resilience, perseverance and determination, while others have strengths in creativity or team work, and others still demonstrate strength in courage, honesty or leadership. We believe that children (and adults!) can develop their weaker character muscles – but like any other muscle, it takes regular practice and a willingness to improve if it is to be achieved.

In the past couple of weeks, we've been delighted to see the fruits of the hard work of many of our pupils: our Y6 and Y2 pupils conducted themselves with maturity and resilience in their SATs testing week; and our Y4 and Y5 pupils have demonstrated courage and teamwork, encouraging each other at Ingleborough in some very challenging activities. We are proud of them all, and hope that they continue to develop their independent character skills as they grow into young adults.

I wish you all a peaceful half term.

Best wishes,

Classes for 2018-2019

We have made the decision to keep most teachers in the same classes for one more year; therefore class allocations next year will be as follows:

- EYFS - Mrs Lowe and Mrs Pausey
- Year 1 - Mrs Davis
- Year 2 - Miss Calow
- Year 3 - Mrs Woollerson and Mrs Gallacher
- Year 4 - Mr Taylor
- Year 5 - Miss O'Malley
- Year 6 - Mrs Pickford

Children will get opportunities to meet and work with their new teachers later this term.

Dates for your diary...

3rd June – SCHOOL CLOSED for staff training.

Friday 7th June – Dads' Afternoon from 2:00pm.

Wednesday 14th June – Fitness In Schools Sponsored Event.

Friday 12th June – Move Up Morning for all classes.

Tuesday 18th June – KS2 Sports Afternoon.

Thursday 19th June – Saffron Lane Sports for selected KS2 Athletes.

Thursday 20th June – KS1/EYFS Afternoon.

Wednesday 26th June – Y4 Brass at De Montfort Hall.

Thursday 27th June – Y6 Production at 1:30pm and 7:00pm.



"Don't be afraid of your fears. They're not there to scare you. They're there to let you know that something is worth it."

– C. JoyBell C.

Attendance

We are coming to the time of year when everyone is starting to think about their summer holiday. However, it is important for parents to be aware that attendance at school remains compulsory and important throughout the final weeks of term. Learning and teaching continue this term; essential assessments and tests take place during May and June; and important transition work is also planned to help children as they move up to their new classes.

Parents must be aware that it is a legal responsibility for them to ensure their child attends school regularly and punctually. The school is held to account for its attendance data, and the steps it takes to ensure good attendance. With an increase in the numbers of parents requesting and/or taking occasional half days or longer for long weekends and holidays, and a growing minority of children who have poor attendance (below 90%), we will reluctantly be taking a more robust stance on unauthorised absences. Please come and talk to us if you are considering a request for leave, well before you make any bookings.



Birthday Treats

A little reminder of our policy in school not to distribute sweets and cakes to classes in celebrating children's birthdays. We'd love to encourage anyone who wants to share their child's birthday with their peers to send in a small classroom gift: a new book, a playground ball, wet play games or felt pens, a skipping rope or playtime toy, a class dictionary are all great ideas. There is of course no obligation to send anything in!

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Fire Doors

We are very pleased to learn that we have received some government funding (Conditions Improvement Fund) to replace more than twenty of our fire doors and improve fire safety in the school. Work starts later this term. 😊



COMMUNICATION

Please remember that we are always available to answer questions and concerns you may have. If you have a concern please raise this in the first instance with your child's teacher. Mrs Knox or Mrs Woollerson are happy to meet with any parents who would like to pass on information or concerns if these cannot be resolved with the teacher. Our Chair of Governors, Mark Newman, can be contacted in the unlikely event of matters being left unresolved.



Following our sponsored read, and with some additional spending from the school budget, we have a whole collection of new books heading into classrooms to be enjoyed! 😊